

# House Study Bill 590

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring consideration of each parent's cost of living  
2 and standard of living in determining child support.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 6005HC 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 598.21B, subsection 1, paragraph c,  
2 Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
3 c. It is the intent of the general assembly that, to the  
4 extent possible within the requirements of federal law, the  
5 court and the child support recovery unit consider the  
6 individual facts of each judgment or case in the application  
7 of the guidelines and determine the support obligation  
8 accordingly. It is also the intent of the general assembly  
9 that in the supreme court's review of the guidelines, the  
10 supreme court shall do ~~both~~ all of the following:  
11 (1) Emphasize the ability of a court to apply the  
12 guidelines in a just and appropriate manner based upon the  
13 individual facts of a judgment or case.  
14 (2) In determining monthly child support payments,  
15 consider other children for whom either parent is legally  
16 responsible for support and other child support obligations  
17 actually paid by either party pursuant to a court or  
18 administrative order.  
19 (3) In determining monthly child support payments,  
20 consider the cost of living of each parent's household and  
21 attempt to allow each parent to retain sufficient income to  
22 maintain a reasonable standard of living. However, the  
23 primary consideration shall be the best interest of the  
24 children to whom the support obligation applies.  
25 Sec. 2. Section 598.21B, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
26 Supplement 2007, is amended by adding the following new  
27 subparagraph:  
28 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) For purposes of calculating a  
29 support obligation under this section, consideration shall be  
30 given to the cost of living of each parent's household and to  
31 attempting to allow each parent to retain sufficient income to  
32 maintain a reasonable standard of living. However, the  
33 primary consideration shall be the best interest of the  
34 children to whom the support obligation applies.  
35 EXPLANATION  
2 1 This bill provides that in reviewing the child support with  
2 regard to determining monthly child support and in calculating  
3 the amount of support, consideration is to be given to the  
4 cost of living of each parent's household and an attempt is to  
5 be made to allow each parent to retain sufficient income to  
6 maintain a reasonable standard of living. However, the  
7 primary consideration is the best interest of the child to  
8 whom the support obligation applies.  
9 LSB 6005HC 82  
2 10 pf/nh/24